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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE PRIORITY INFO LONDON PRIORITY FROM
GENEVA 20 JUN REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE GENEVA 3007

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, US, UK

SUBJECT: UK DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS

REF: A. STATE 119615 B. LONDON 07086

1. US AND UK REPS MET WITH PANEL JUNE 20. IT WAS IMPRACTICABLE
TO REACH PANEL MEMBERS BETWEEN RECEIPT REFTEL A AND PRE-ARRANGED
MEETING AT 0900. UK REP'S INSTRUCTIONS, IN ANY CASE, WERE AS
INDICATED REFTEL B RATHER THAN TO JOIN IN A REQUEST FOR POST-
PONEMENT.

2. US (MILLER) AND UK REPS ADVISED PANEL THAT, WHILE ALL DETAILS
HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT IS IN
PROSPECT AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE FINALIZED IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

3. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF PANEL PRESSED US/UK REPS FOR
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ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT NATURE AND TIMING AS WELL AS CARIBBEAN CP REACTIONS. UK REP SAID RELUCTANT GO
INTO DETAIL BUT VOLUNTEERED BASIS OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE ELIMI-
NATION OF CERTAIN DAQS, I.E. SOLUTION WOULD NOT BE ONE REQUIRING
GATT WAIVER. MILLER ADDED WE UNDERSTOOD ELIMINATION WOULD BE

PHASED. IN REPLY FURTHER PROBING UK AFFIRMED HMG CONSIDERED CARIBBEANS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE HURT BY PROSPECTIVE SOLUTION WHICH EXPECTED BE FINALIZED BY END OF JUNE.

4. CHAIRMAN AND PANEL MEMBERS TOLD US/UK REPS AN ORDERLY AND HARMONIOUS CONCLUSION OF CASE WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL PLANNING. THEY SAID THEY KNOW CARIBBEAN REPS ARE UPSET ABOUT PROSPECTIVE SOLUTION UK APPARENTLY HAS IN MIND. PANEL CONSIDERS IT UNWISE TO HAVE A REPORT FROM PANEL OR UK/US SAYING PROBLEM RESOLVED BUT WITH NO DETAILS. SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) COMMENTED PRECEDENTS ARE THAT NATURE OF SOLUTION IS NORMALLY INDICATED, E.G. ISRAEL/UK SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED IN L/3812 JANUARY 1973.

5. CHAIRMAN SAID PANEL WOULD MEET AGAIN WHEN UK/US REPS AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT REACHED. PANEL MEANWHILE WILL CONSIDER AMONG THEMSELVES ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONCLUDE PANEL'S WORK. CHAIRMAN MADE CLEAR HE WOULD WELCOME US/UK SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

6. COMMENT: ASSUMING UK/US AGREEMENT FINALIZED BY END OF JUNE, PANEL WILL FEEL OBLIGED TO REPORT TO COUNCIL BY NEXT MEETING NOW ANTICIPATED AT END OF JULY). MISSION FAVORS FULL DISCLOSURE TO PANEL IN WRITING OF CONTENTS OF UK/US AGREEMENT. COMPLAINTS BY CARIBBEANS IN COUNCIL INEVITABLE WHEN FACT OF UK/US AGREEMENT BECOMES KNOWN AND WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE SUCH DEBATE TAKE PLACE WITH FACTS OF AGREEMENT ON TABLE. WE CONSIDER IT NEITHER NECESSARY NOR FEASIBLE TO TRY TO HAVE PANEL ENDORSE UK/US VIEW CARIBBEANS ARE NOT LIKELY BE INJURED BY SOLUTION BUT WE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL CARIBBEAN PRESSURES ON PANEL AS WELL AS PANEL'S RELUCTANCE TO APPEAR BE IGNORING THEIR OBJECTIONS. SCENARIO WE FAVOR IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. UK-US EXCHANGE NOTES AS PLANNED;

B. US SENDS LETTER TO DG INFORMING CPS THAT PANEL REQUESTED US AND UK TO SEEK SOLUTION; THIS HAS BEEN DONE,
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MATTER IS RESOLVED, AND COMPLAINT IS WITHDRAWN;

C. US SIMULTANEOUSLY SENDS LETTER TO PANEL CHAIRMAN
ENCLOSING COPY OF LETTER TO DG;

D. US AND UK SIMULTANEOUSLY SEND JOINT LETTER OR
SEPARATE LETTERS TO PANEL CHAIRMAN ENCLOSING TEXT OF EXCHANGE
OF NOTES (US LETTER WOULD INCLUDE (C) ABOVE IF JOINT LETTER NOT
USED).

E. US AND UK ORALLY SUGGEST PANEL REPORT TO COUNCIL
ITS ASSIGNMENT IS TERMINATED DUE TO RESOLUTION OF
ISSUE AS REPORTED BY US AND UK AND WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT,

WITH TEXT OF NOTES ANNEXED TO ITS REPORT.BASSIN

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